

Samuel Francis Smith collection

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Summary Information

Repository	Rare Books and Manuscripts
Creator	American Autograph Shop (Merion Station, Pa.).
Creator	Smith, Samuel Francis, 1808-1895
Title	Samuel Francis Smith collection
Date	1936
Extent	0.01 Cubic feet 1folder
Language	English
Text [Folder]	S1212

Preferred Citation

Samuel F. Smith collection, Rare Books and Manuscripts, Indiana State Library

Biographical Note

Samuel Francis Smith was born in Boston, Massachusetts on October 21, 1808 to Samuel and Sarah (Bryant) Smith. He attended Harvard University, graduating in 1829, and then attended the Andover Theological Seminary. Soon after, Reverend Smith married Mary White. In addition to his pastoral duties and scholarly pursuits, he was a well-known poet in his day. Smith penned a number of patriotic hymns, the most renowned of which is "America," which is most commonly known as "My Country, 'Tis of Thee." He died on November 16, 1895 in Boston.

Sources:

Items in the collection.

FindaGrave.com. "Samuel Francis Smith." Find a Grave Index. Accessed July 27, 2015. <http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GRid=14799870>.

Smith, Samuel Francis. *'My Country, 'Tis of Thee' and The Latest Poems*. (Boston: American Baptist Publication Society, 1896), 9-13.

Scope and Contents

This collection includes a facsimile of the hymn, "America," written by Samuel Francis Smith in 1832 [1831], published by the American Autograph Shop in 1936. The item includes a facsimile of the handwritten hymn lyrics and its first printing in the form of a broadside announcing an Independence Day celebration at Park Street Church in Boston, Massachusetts on July 4, 1831.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged chronologically.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Custodial History

This collection was received by Rare Books and Manuscripts as a donation from the American Autograph Shop on 1936/12.

Accruals

No further additions are expected.

Processing Information

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Controlled Access Headings

Subject(s)

- Hymns
- Lyrics
- Patriotic music
- Patriotic songs

- Songs